

Remarks

1. Initially, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Hwang for his helpful, courteous and professional assistance in addressing matters related to the Application and the Office Action in a telephone interview on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. During the telephone interview, Examiner Hwang and the undersigned attorney for the Applicant discussed the following matters:

(a) With respect to Claims 1-7 of the Application, the Applicant advanced the position that the prior art cited in the Office Action does not encompass a crossbar having only three bends similar to that described in the specification (the "Specification") of the Application and illustrated in connection with FIG. 2 of the Application. Examiner Hwang did not agree with this position. Examiner Hwang and the attorney for the Applicant did agree that the limitations of claim 5 of the Application distinguish the hand grip of the Application from the prior art cited in the Office Action. Thus, Examiner Hwang agreed that inclusion of the limitations of claim 5 into claim 1 (with the addition of the word "directly" immediately prior to the words "attached to each said end of said crossbar" at the end of claim 5) would place claims 1-7 in condition for allowance. Examiner Hwang and the Applicant also agreed that the hub and bearing means of claim 7 distinguished the invention of such claim from the prior art cited in the Office Action.

(b) With respect to claims 8-13 of the Application, Examiner Hwang and the attorney for the Applicant agreed that that the Specification does comply with 35 USC Section 112 in cases involving the use of a single hand grip. As a result, Examiner

Hwang agreed that amending the first step of claim 8 to read “providing a hand grip . . .” instead of “providing at least one hand grip . . .” would place claims 8-13 in condition for allowance.

(c) With respect to the amendments to the Specification set forth in the Previous Reply and claims 14-17 of the Application, Examiner Hwang and the attorney for the Applicant were unable to agree regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendments and claims. They did, however, agree that the bend in the crossbar of “approximately forty-five degrees” may possibly be construed to include the range of angles included in the proposed amendments and claims 14-17 in any event. In light of this discussion, the Applicant has elected to withdraw claims 14-17 and the substance of the related amendments to the Specification set forth in the Previous Reply, as discussed in more detail in paragraphs 3 and 4, below.

2. It is intended that the summary of the telephone interview with Examiner Hwang set forth in paragraph 1, above, is accurate and complies with the requirements of MPEP § 713.04. If the Office believes that the summary does not so comply, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicant be contacted so that any deficiencies may be corrected.

3. Certain amendments are hereby made to the Specification, as amended by the Previous Reply. Generally, the amendments to the Specification set forth herein serve to make the angle of the bends in the crossbar described in the Specification and illustrated in connection with FIG. 2 of the Application “approximately forty-five

degrees.” Thus, these amendments restore the Specification to its originally filed form in this respect, except for the additional language that clarifies the angle (A and A’ of FIG. 2) of the bend in the crossbar. It is the intent of the Applicant that the Previous Reply and this Amendment not be construed to limit the angle of bends of the crossbar to any angle less than that to which it would otherwise ordinarily be construed.

4. Certain amendments are also hereby made to the claims of the Application, as amended by the Previous Reply. Generally, claims 1 and 5 are modified in the manner described in paragraph 1(a), above. Claim 8 is modified in the manner described in paragraph 1(b), above. Claims 9 and 10 are amended to provide for proper antecedent basis. Claims 14-17 are generally cancelled for the reasons described herein.

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